



03-04-05

JFW

Express Mail Label No.

Dated: _____

Docket No.: 01641/1200440-US2
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Jörg Schultz et al.

Application No.: 10/735,172

Filed: December 12, 2003

For: **RETICLE-MASKING OBJECTIVE WITH
ASPHERICAL LENSES**

Confirmation No.: 1663

Art Unit: 2873

Examiner: Jordan M. Schwartz

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed February 3, 2005, kindly consider the following remarks.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has required restriction among the following inventions required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

Group I: Claims 1-40, 43-62, drawn to a REMA objective, classified in class 359, subclass 656; or

Group II: Claims 41-42, drawn to a microlithography projection apparatus, classified in class 359, subclass 649.

In response, Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-40, 43-62), which are drawn to a REMA objective, classified in class 359, subclass 656, **with traverse**.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, withdrawal of this restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Dated: February 28, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

By

Walter E. Kupper, Ph.D.

Registration No.: 34,954

DARBY & DARBY P.C.

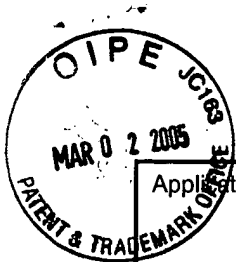
P.O. Box 5257

New York, New York 10150-5257

(212) 527-7700

(212) 753-6237 (Fax)

Attorneys/Agents For Applicant



Application No. (if known): 10/735,172

Attorney Docket No.: 01641/1200440-US2

Certificate of Express Mailing Under 37 CFR 1.10

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail, Airbill No. EV 329022442 IS in an envelope addressed to:

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

on March 2, 2005
Date


Signature

Typed or printed name of person signing Certificate

Registration Number, if applicable

Telephone Number

Note: Each paper must have its own certificate of mailing, or this certificate must identify each submitted paper.

Response to Election Restriction Requirement (2 pages)
Return Postcard